

# Backsmiths Live in the \$30,000 Bracket

By REYNOLDS KNIGHT  
If you should come dashing in the living room someday and declare that he wants to become a smithy, don't look at him oddly — there's big money in the horseshoeing business.

Contrary to popular belief, horseshoeing is not a lost art. The equine population has been steadily climbing over the year and aspiring shoers are storming the doors of about a dozen schools that teach farriery.

And, why not? At one of the large racetracks a horse-shoer made \$37,500 in one year and some other tracks shoers regularly earn as much as \$30,000 a year. The reason for the big money is simple. Supply and demand. There are plenty of horses around, but not enough professional horseshoers to shoe them.

To get a better picture of the boom in the horseshoeing business, consider the thriving business being done by makers of farrier tools.

ONE MANUFACTURER reports that sales have risen 30 per cent in the last three years and the outlook continues good. The Heller tool division of Wallace-Murray

**Park Chief Says He'll Quit Post**

SACRAMENTO (CN) — George C. Fleharty, chairman of the state park commission, announced during the 13 meeting in Sacramento that he would submit his resignation at the end of the meeting.

Fleharty, who has been a member of the commission for a number of years, has a term which expires Jan. 15 and was expected to be replaced by Governor Ronald Reagan.

Corp., Newcomerstown, Ohio, said that its horseshoeing equipment sales have jumped 15 per cent over the past five years.

The owner of a horseshoeing school at Martinville, Va., says his classes are booked up for the next six months. He allows 16 students into each of his 12-week courses and the charge for the three-month instruction period is a cool \$1,500. Enrollment has been so good he plans to open an additional school in Hialeah, Fla.

The professional blacksmith is highly regarded among owners and trainers of thoroughbreds. When a thoroughbred came up with a cracked hoof after a race in Florida recently, the trainer immediately sent for an expert farrier. They located one in California.

THE ITEM gathering the least dust on the tool rental dealer's shelves these days is the chain saw.

Home builders, who use the saws for clearing wooded building sites, had been the most frequent saw borrowers but, according to Omark Industries, Inc., leading manufacturer of cutting chain for power saws, the suburban homeowner is elbowing the builder for the tool.

The suburbanite usually wants the saw for tree pruning or to cut firewood for his functional fireplace. Saw rentals invariably boom after a severe storm, when fallen trees and other debris have to be cleared.

Rental charges range from \$10 to \$15 a day, depending on the model. Homeowners who want a saw for weekend use are discovering they have to make a reservation at the tool rental shop. "Everyone wants them on Saturdays," dealers moan.

SCARCITY of land and the high cost of building sites are forcing vertical school construction. A school in New York has been built over the Hutchinson River Parkway and another may be built on top of an apartment house in the Bronx.

Some suppliers of auto parts are a bit confused. Safety-conscious auto makers are requesting toned-down steel in windshield wipers to cut down glare. For years the request was for shiny steel. A savings association in Cleveland gives 1,000 trading stamps to each

new account of \$500 or more. Color pigment manufacturers may see "long green" in their future as one result of a record production forecast for 1967.

Total industry production could well climb to 220,000,000 pounds this year, said C. C. Candee, executive vice president of Holland-Suco Color Co., a subsidiary of Chemetron Corp. Total production for 1966 is estimated to be about 180,000,000 pounds.

CANDEE'S forecast is based

on projections made by Hol-land-Suco of current trends in production and sales of color pigments.

"The pigment industry is in a period of rapid growth in total consumption, a surge that started in 1960, primarily by increased output of organic pigments," he said.

Candee attributed the rise

in organic production to special green, blue and red organic pigments that are gaining in popularity over their inorganic counterparts.

He expects organic pigments again to lead the way toward the record production he predicts for 1967.

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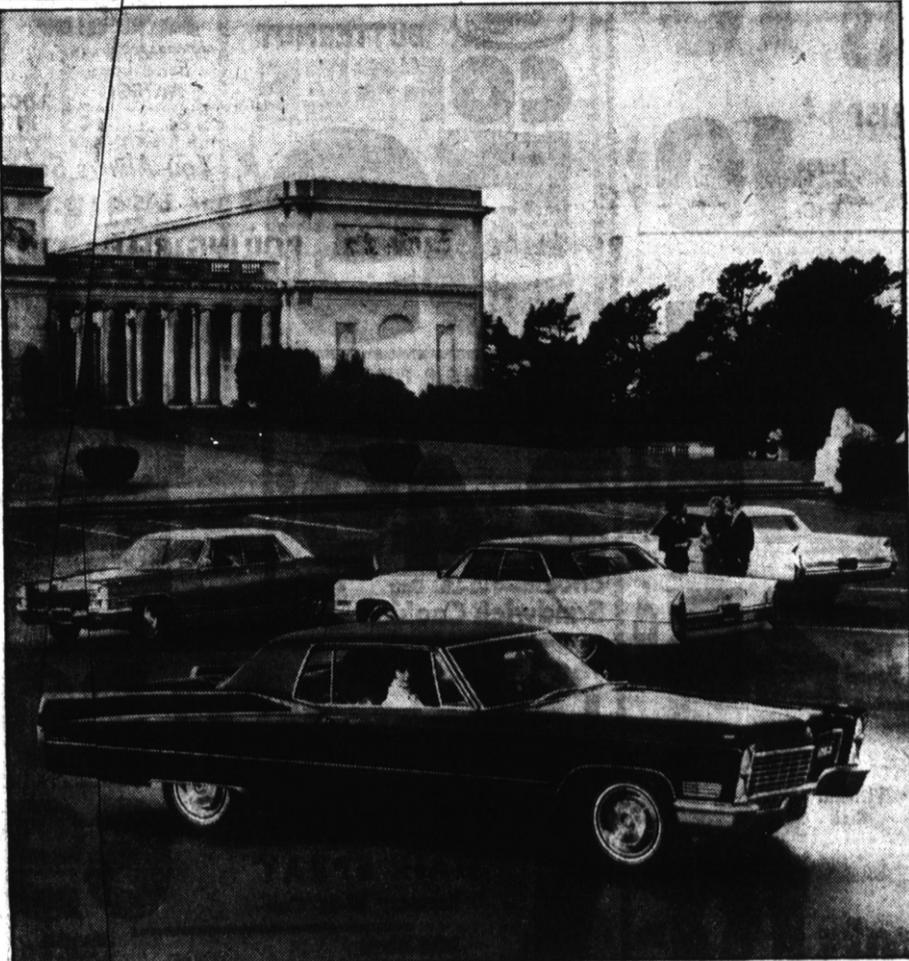
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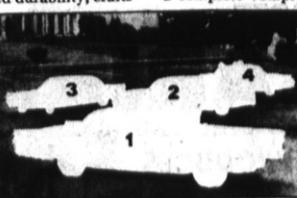
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